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SUBJECT: ROC POSITION IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL APPEARS SECURE

1. TAIPEI WAS THE HOST FOR THE NOVEMBER 21-23 FOURTEENTH ORIENT AND EAST ASIAN LIONS FORUM. MORE THAN 5000 LIONS FROM THE ROC, JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, BRUNEI, THAILAND, AND THE PHILIPPINES REPORTEDLY ATTENDED THE FORUM, WHICH INCLUDED SEMINAR MEETINGS ON NATIONAL SECURITY IN ASIA, YOUTH AND LIONISM, AND SOCIAL EVOLUTION AND LIONISM.

2. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE FORUM, ROC PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN NOTED THAT "THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROC HAVE AMPLY MANIFESTED OUR CULTURAL TRADITION AND FURTHERED OUR CULTURAL SPIRIT. THE GOAL OF THE LIONS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR CULTURAL SPIRIT."

3. PROMINENT PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO THE ATTENDANCE OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT HARRY J. ASLAN WHO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RECENTLY REJECTED A UNESCO PROPOSAL WHICH URGED LIONS INTERNATIONAL, AMONG OTHERS, TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. IN A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO, ASLAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT COMPLY WITH THIS RESOLUTION....IF THIS DIRECTIVE IS NOT WAIVED AS TO OUR ORGANIZATION, THEN, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL....I AM OBLIGED TO TENDER OUR RESIGNA-

TION AS AN AFFILIATED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION OF UNESCO  
UNDER CATEGORY C."

4. IN A SEPARATE LETTER TO GOVERNOR OF THE 300TH DISTRICT,  
LIONS INTERNATIONAL OF THE ROC, ASLAN REPORTEDLY REITERATED  
THE LIONS' FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE ROC UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. COMMENT: AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, CONTINUED ROC  
MEMBERSHIP IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL LOOKS SECURE. UNGER

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